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Temporary Detour of Turner River Road and Closure of Monument Lake Campground

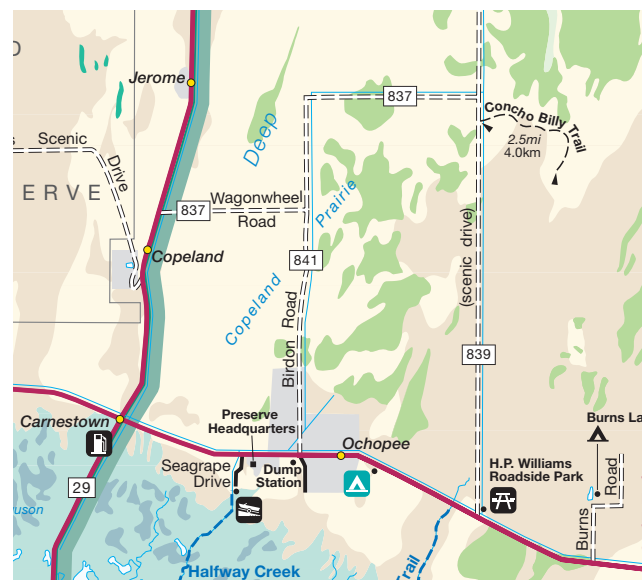
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The entrance to Turner River Road, CR 839, off US 41, the Tamiami Trail, will be closed due to construction from April 19 through 23. Access for residents and other travelers in the area will be maintained via a detour that will be routed to Birdon Road, CR 841, and Upper Wagonwheel Road, CR 837. This work will require that the road be closed 24 hours a day.

Monument Lake Campground, located on US 41 15 miles east of the Turner River Road, will be closed from April 12 through the 19. During this closure visitors to the area may find other camping opportunities at the Midway Campground, located on US 41 eight miles east of Monument Lake or at privately operated campgrounds within Ochopee, Everglades City and Chokoloskee.

Closures may extend beyond anticipated date due to unforeseen challenges of construction.



Detail of CRs 839, 841 and 837, off from US 41.

The detour and closure will allow for contractors to complete elements of the Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway improvements within Big Cypress National Preserve. These projects, along with others currently underway within the preserve will improve facilities in the area. Other projects currently under construction include boardwalks, canoe launches and picnic areas.

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